IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Steven Aronson, Matthew Aronson Plaintiffs,

v.

JJMT Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Jacob Wunderlin, Mathew Schweinzger, Joseph Dealteris, Tyler Crookston Case No. 21-CV-01867

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Steven Aronson and Matthew Aronson, by and through their attorneys Scott Frost and Daniel Rubin of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, hereby complains of Defendants JJMT Capital LLC, Jacob Wunderlin, Mathew Schweinzger, Joseph Dealteris and Tyler Crookston, and states as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES

- 1. Steven Aronson is an individual who lives in Newton, Massachusetts. Steven Aronson is a citizen of the state of Massachusetts.
- 2. Matthew Aronson is an individual who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Matthew Aronson is a citizen of the state of Massachusetts.
- 3. Defendant JJMT Capital, LLC ("JJMT") is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois.
- 4. As of the filing date of this Complaint, JJMT is owned by three members: Joseph "Joe" DeAlteris ("DeAlteris"), Jacob Wunderlin ("Wunderlin"), and Matthew Schweinzger ("Schweinzger"). Crookston was a managing member of JJMT but resigned in 2018.
- 5. DeAlteris, Wunderlin and Schweinzger live and are domiciled in Chicago, Illinois and are citizens of the state of Illinois.

- 6. Crookston lives and is domiciled in the territory of Puerto Rico and is a citizen of Puerto Rico.
- 7. Collectively, DeAlteris, Wunderlin, Schweinzger and Crookston shall be referred herein as the "Individual Defendants" and JJMT, DeAlteris, Wunderlin, Schweinzger and Crookston shall be referred herein collectively as the "Defendants".

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. Jurisdiction in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because there is diversity of citizenship between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 9. The written agreements out of which the causes of action arise were executed by JJMT in in Cook County, Illinois, and JJMT agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of this Court. Furthermore, the actions taken by the Defendants in this case occurred in Cook County, Illinois.
- 10. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) and pursuant to the forum selection clauses in the written agreements that are the subject of this litigation.

GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. At all relevant times stated in this Complaint, Schweinzger was Chief Acquisition Officer of Acrisure, LLC ("Acrisure").
 - 12. In April 2019, Schweinzger was promoted to Chief Financial Officer of Acrisure.
- 13. Prior to working at Acrisure, Schweinzger was an investment banker at Morgan Stanley. According to his LinkedIn profile, Schweinzger "[p]erformed financial and strategic analysis on mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, and divestitures across a variety of industries and geographies." In addition, Schweinzger "constructed detailed valuation models including leveraged buyout, discounted cash flow, accretion / dilution, comparable company, and precedent transaction analyses in order to advise clients on financial implications of potential transactions."
- 14. As an experienced C-Level executive and investment banker, Schweinzger understood the fundamental concept of undertaking due diligence on any investment he participated in or offered for sale.
- 15. As CAO and later CFO of Acrisure, Schweinzger could and did exercise supervisory control over Steven Aronson, who had sold his insurance practice to Acrisure in 2016.

- 16. On March 29, 2021, Schweinzger signed a Declaration under penalties of perjury in connection with an SEC Complaint filed against Zachary Horwitz and 1inMM Capital, LLC. A true and correct copy of the Declaration of Schweinzger (*sans exhibits*) is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 1."
- 17. According to Exhibit 1, from 2014 throughout the end of 2016, DeAlteris, Wunderlin, Schweinzger and Crookston began loaning money to an individual named Zachary Horwitz ("Horwitz"), a friend from college. (Ex. 1, ¶3, 4, 5, 8). These loans were made to Horwitz's entities 1 linMM Capital and 1 linMM Productions (the "1 linMM Entities") (Ex. 1, ¶8). These loans were either made personally by the Individual Defendants or through entities created by the Individual Defendants including, but not limited to JJMT Group LLC, JTHd Investments and Chi Town Capital (collectively JJMT Group LLC, JTHd Investments and Chi Town Capital are referred herein as "the Partner Entities"). (Ex. 1, ¶5-8). Allegedly, these funds were to be used by Horwitz to finance the creation of media such as films that would be subsequently licensed to media platforms such as Netflix, HBO or other streaming media services. (Ex. 1, ¶7).
- 18. In reality, Horwitz was running a Ponzi Scheme, and this Ponzi Scheme was aided and abetted by the reckless disregard for the truth by the Individual Defendants. The money given to Horwitz and 1inMM Entities was used primarily, if not solely, to fund Horwitz's lavish lifestyle and personal wealth.
- 19. The Individual Defendants (and JJMT and the Partner Entities which were controlled by the Individual Defendants) relied solely on representations and documents provided by Horwitz and their friendship with Horwitz when they began making investments with Horwitz through the 1inMM Entities, either individually or through the Partner Entities. (Ex. 1, ¶5, 7). Later, the Individual Defendants, Partner Entities and JJMT also relied on the fact that previous loans had been paid off on a timely basis. (Ex. 1, ¶8).
- 20. At no time during 2016-2019 did the Individual Defendants attempt to independently verify any of the representations made by Horwitz or confirm the authenticity of any of the documents provided by Horwitz to the Individual Defendants or JJMT.
- 21. As the Individual Defendants' loans to the 1nMM Entities grew in size, the Individual Defendants decided to focus on using other entities for the purpose of loaning money to Horwitz. (Ex. 1, ¶9). Specifically, in July 2015, the Individual Defendants formed JJMT and organized JJMT under the laws of the state of Delaware. Although it was a Delaware limited liability

- company, the Individual Defendants all lived in Chicago and JJMT's principal place of business was located in Cook County, Illinois. See Exhibit 1.
- 22. JJMT and JJMT Group, LLC are two separate entities, according to the Delaware Secretary of State and the Schweinzger Declaration.
- 23. According to the Schweinzger Declaration, the Individual Defendants began utilizing JJMT in July 2015 as the "primary vehicle" to act as a "continued source of promissory note financing" for the 1inMM Entities. (Ex. 1, ¶9)
- 24. According to the Schweinzger Declaration, at the time the Individual Defendants began to utilize JJMT as the "primary vehicle" for promissory note financing for the 1inMM Entities, the Individual Defendants and the Partner Entities had lent the 1inMM Entities over \$4,186,000.00. (Ex. 1, ¶8)
- 25. At all times stated in this Complaint, Schweinzger was an agent of both JJMT and the Individual Defendants. Schweinzger was authorized by the Individual Defendants and JJMT to acquire more capital for JJMT, and the money procured by Schweinzger would be funneled to Horwitz and the 1nMM Entities and then returned to the Individual Defendants, or the Partner Entities by Horwitz and the 1nMM Entities as "payment" for previously issued loans.
- 26. As part of the scheme to acquire more capital for Horwitz and assure that the Individual Defendants and Partner Entities' loans were paid off, on October 6, 2016, Schweinzger contacted Steven Aronson using an Acrisure e-mail address. A true and correct copy of the October 6, 2016 e-mail (the "October 6 Email) that Schweinzger sent Steven Aronson is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 2."
- 27. In the October 6, 2016 E-mail, Schweinzger asserted that "I run a decent sized debt fund and a small equity fund that does similar types of RE investing along with growth equity investing." (Ex. 2).
- 28. On October 9, 2016, Schweinzger sent another e-mail (the "October 9 E-mail) to Steven Aronson regarding the investment offering that Schweinzger was proposing. A true and correct copy of the October 9 E-mail is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 3."
- 29. In the October 9 E-mail, Schweinzger stated that JJMT was formed in Chicago by himself and three "Partners" in 2014. Those three "Partners" were DeAlteris, Wunderlin, and Crookston.

- 30. In the October 9 e-mail, Schweinzger stated to Steven Aronson that JJMT was offering "investors a very low risk debt investment vehicle in which the loaned money is used for acquisition financing of film distribution rights." (Ex. 3).
- 31. In the October 9 e-mail, Schweinzger further explained JJMT's business model to Steven Aronson by stating that "[w]e acquire the rights to distribute content from producers or their sales agents, then immediately sell those rights to one of three major platforms (Sony, HBO or Netflix). (Ex. 3). Schweinzger stated that: "JJMT makes money by negotiating higher sales prices from the Platforms while locking in lower purchase prices from the producers/their sales agents." (Ex.
- 3). That money, according to Schweinzger, is used to "pay the investors in JJMT." (Ex. 3).
- 32. In the October 9 e-mail, Schweinzger further stated that JJMT has financed 60 films as of October 9, 2016 and another film financing was closing that week. (Ex. 3).
- 33. In the October 9 e-mail, Schweinzger stated that the "vast majority" of JJMT's sales were made directly to HBO (Home Box Office) (Ex. 3).
- 34. In the October 9, e-mail, Schweinzger described investments in JJMT as an "excellent outlet for excess cash that's otherwise in a checking account or low interest bearing money market fund." (Ex. 3).
- 35. In the October 9 e-mail, Schweinzger stated to Aronson that the "Managing Partners" presumably the Individual Defendants have investors on standby until a "real opportunity is days from completion" (Ex. 3). Importantly, according to Schweinzger, capital from investors is only called for "[o]nce a deal completely negotiated, signed up, and ready" (Ex. 3). An e-mail is the sent to investors by JJMT which acts as JJMT's "capital call" (Ex. 3).
- 36. Attached to the October 9 E-mail was a PDF titled "Investment Opportunity Overview" (the "Overview"). A true and correct copy of the Overview is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 4."
- 37. The Overview stated that JJMT's partner, 1inMM Productions ("1inMM") is a "top distribution company" founded by Horwitz.
- 38. The Overview further stated that 1inMM "business model consists of purchasing the film distribution rights from Producers and selling those rights to Platforms including HBO, SONY, Netflix, Showtime, basic cable, etc."
- 39. The Overview further stated that 1inMM uses "loan proceeds to pay Producer for distribution rights to a film". In addition, the Overview stated that the "Managing Partners of

JJMT" have financed 50 of 1inMM's transactions and provided specific examples of sales. (Ex. 4, 6-8).

- 40. The October 9 E-mail and Overview constituted the "Offering Materials" as defined in the Subscription Agreement signed by Steven Aronson and Matthew Aronson.
- 41. Steven Aronson and his son, Matthew Aronson, relied on the statements made by Schweinzger in the October 9 E-mail and Overview when they decided to invest in JJMT and both signed the "Subscription Agreement" provided by the Defendants.
- 42. Between 2016 and the end of 2019, Steven Aronson and Matthew Aronson (collectively the "Aronsons") invested millions of dollars in JJMT through the issuance of Promissory Notes issued by JJMT (collectively the "Notes") and payable to either Steven Aronson or Matthew Aronson.
- 43. When making the investments evidenced by the Notes, the Aronsons relied on the truthfulness of Schweinzger's statements because Schweinzger was Aronson's superior at Acrisure and the Aronsons trusted Schweinzger and believed him to be an experienced investment banker who would conduct proper due diligence into the investments being offered by JJMT.
- 44. The Aronsons would not have invested in JJMT or with Horwitz/linMM if Schweinzger had not been involved with JJMT.
 - 45. The Notes are "securities" as defined by the Illinois Securities Law, 815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.
- 46. The statements of fact and representations made by Defendants in the October 9 E-mail and Overview were misleading and untrue as follows: JJMT did not acquire any film rights nor did it make money by negotiating any deals with content producers or streaming services. JJMT did not use loan proceeds to pay producers for distribution rights. JJMT did not make any sales to HBO. JJMT was not formed in 2014. Capital calls made by JJMT were not made to investors until a deal was "completely negotiated, signed up, and ready". The investments being offered by JJMT were not "very low risk".
- 47. In addition to the misrepresentations contained in the October 9 E-mail and Overview, those documents failed to disclose that the Individual Defendants and the Partner Entities were at that time owed significant sums of money by the 1inMM Entities. In fact, the only disclosure of loans made by Individual Defendants and the Partner Entities was in the "Transactions Completed" page of the Overview, falsely implying the loans had been paid off.

- 48. Prior to transmitting the October 9 E-mail and Overview, JJMT and the Individual Defendants failed to independently verify any statements made by Horwitz and the 1inMM Entities. Furthermore, neither JJMT nor the Individual Defendants had been involved in the financing of the projects contained in the Overview.
- 49. While Horwitz and 1inMM Entities may have transmitted false and forged documents to Defendants as part of Horwitz's own fraudulent scheme, Defendants recklessly took no steps to conduct independent due diligence and independently verify the existence of the alleged projects that were allegedly being financed by JJMT.
- 50. The Individual Defendants' failure to conduct any real due diligence about Horwitz or the 1inMM Entities was willful because the Individual Defendants had invested significant sums of money with Horwitz and the 1inMM Entities. The Individual Defendants had a financial incentive to not conduct any independent due diligence into the activities of the 1inMM Entities because: (a) their previous loans were being paid off via new capital infusions being acquired by JJMT and the Individual Defendants and; (b) the Individual Defendants' financial return increased as the amounts of money invested increased.
- 51. If Defendants had conducted any basic independent due diligence, including but not limited to contacting either HBO, Netflix, Sony or even the original producers of the films identified in the Overview, they would have discovered that Horwitz and the 1inMM Entities were not involved in the distribution, financing, creation or transfer of those projects.
 - 52. The following Promissory Notes were issued by JJMT payable to the Aronsons:
 - a. The "BTS-Matthew Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 5."
 - b. The "BTS-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 6."
 - c. The "Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 7."
 - d. The "Depraved-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 8."
 - e. The "Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 9."
 - f. The "Christmas-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 10."
 - g. The "Italy-Matthew Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 11."
 - h. The "Italy-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 12."

- i. The "Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 13."
- j. The "Heidi-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 14."
- k. The "Yuli-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 15."
- 1. The "Allagah-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 16."
- m. The "Samson-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 17."
- n. The "Storm-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 18."
- o. The "Stubby-Steven Aronson Note", a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 19"¹
- 53. Collectively the Promissory Notes attached to this Complaint shall be referred herein as the "Notes".
- 54. Collectively, the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, Italy-Steven Aronson Note, Heidi-Steven Aronson Note, Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, Samson-Steven Aronson Note, Storm-Steven Aronson Note, and Stubby-Steven Aronson Note shall be referred herein as the "Steven Notes".
- 55. Collectively, the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note, Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, shall be referred herein as the "Matthew Notes".
- 56. As of March 11, 2021, Steven Aronson had invested \$1,340,000.00 via purchase of the Notes attached to this Complaint that have not been paid.
- 57. As of March 11, 2021, Matthew Aronson had invested \$497,000.00 via purchase of the Notes attached to this Complaint that have not been paid.
- 58. The Aronsons reasonably believed that the money being loaned to JJMT was being used to finance and acquire various media projects described in each Notes, based on the misrepresentations contained in the Overview and the language of the Notes themselves. Each of the Notes issued by JJMT identified the purpose of the funds being loaned by the Aronsons to JJMT. For example, the "Storm-Steven Aronson Note" indicated that JJMT would use the

¹ In addition to the Promissory Notes referenced in this Complaint, JJMT issued other Promissory Notes to the Aronsons, which have been paid off.

proceeds of said Note for the "purpose of engaging in financing the acquisition and distribution rights related to the motion picture(s) entitled "Run the Race & Storm Boy".

- 59. The representations of JJMT contained in the Notes regarding the use of proceeds were false.
- 60. In consideration of JJMT's false promises contained in the Notes, the Aronsons lent a total of \$1,837,000.00 to JJMT.
- 61. Throughout 2016 through 2019, Schweinzger repeated the false assertions made in the Overview to the Aronsons via e-mails, phone calls and in-person meetings. For example, throughout these years, Schweinzger repeatedly stated that JJMT was landing deals with HBO and Netflix. And, on December 14, 2017, Schweinzger stated: "we've landed another HBO deal". A true and correct copy of the December 14, 2017 E-mail from Schweinzger is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 20." On June 13, 2018, Schweinzger made a similar false misrepresentation, stating that: "We just landed another Netflix package with funding dates tight around the return of your money." A true and correct copy of the June 13, 2018 E-mail from Schweinzger is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 21." Schweinzger thereafter similarly falsely asserted on June 15, 2018, that JJMT had procured a "deal we are selling to Netflix". A true and correct copy of the June 15, 2018 E-mail from Schweinzger is attached to this Complaint and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 22."
- 62. Based on those false representations and the false representations contained in the October 9 E-mail and subsequent communications, the Aronsons reasonably believed that JJMT was involved with the negotiation and sale of content to HBO, Netflix, or similar media platforms.
- 63. In addition, JJMT and Schweinzger repeatedly assured the Aronsons that JJMT and the Individual Defendants were conducting the appropriate due diligence on the transactions evidenced by the Notes. For example, in an effort to assuage concerns from investors regarding the repayment of securities that JJMT had sold, Defendants made false representations to the Aronsons and other investors. On November 16, 2020, Schweinzger stated that "1inMM successfully remedied all open items with Netflix relating to their audit requests, on October 29th Netflix informed 1iMM that the audit had formally concluded" Similar statements were made by Defendants in 2020 and 2021 in an effort to induce the Aronsons and other investors to refrain from filing litigation against the Defendants.

64. Defendants acted with a reckless indifference to the truth when they made statements to the Aronsons and other JJMT investors about the status of 1inMM Entities' relationship with Netflix, HBO and Sony and the producers of the media being allegedly sold to those entities. In fact, there was no relationship between the 1inMM Entities and any of those studios or content producers.

COUNT I VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS SECURITIES LAW Steven Aronson v. Defendants

- 65. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 66. The Steven Notes are "securities" as defined by the Illinois Securities Law (the "ISL"). 815 ILCS 5/2.1.
- 67. The ISL prohibits the use of untrue statements of material fact and misleading statements of material facts in the connection with the sale of securities. 815 ILCS 5/12(G).
- 68. Defendants made multiple false statements and misleading statements regarding the purchase of the Steven Notes to the Steven Aronson prior to Steven Aronson investing in JJMT and Defendants continued to make false and misleading statements through 2021 to Steven Aronson.
- 69. Steven Aronson reasonably relied on the misrepresentations and false statements made by Defendants when he purchased the Steven Notes.
- 70. As a result of Defendants' misleading and untrue statements, Steven Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00.
- 71. Steven Aronson, as purchaser of the Steven Notes, is entitled to rescind the purchase of the Steven Notes as the investments represented by the Steven Notes were procured by violations of Section 12 of the ISL.
- 72. Pursuant to 815 ILCS 5/13(A), the Individual Defendants are jointly and severally liable to Steven Aronson, as the Individual Defendants participated and aided JJMT with the sale of the Steven Notes and the transmission of false material facts and misleading statements.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, prejudgment

interest and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under the Illinois Securities Law.

COUNT II VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS SECURITIES LAW Matthew Aronson v. Defendants

- 73. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 74. The Matthew Notes are "securities" as defined by the Illinois Securities Law (the "ISL"). 815 ILCS 5/2.1.
- 75. The ISL prohibits the use of untrue statements of material fact and misleading statements of material facts in the connection with the sale of securities. 815 ILCS 5/12(G).
- 76. Defendants made multiple false statements and misleading statements regarding the purchase of the Matthew Notes to Matthew Aronson prior to Matthew Aronson investing in JJMT and Defendants continued to make false and misleading statements through 2021 to Matthew Aronson.
- 77. Matthew Aronson reasonably relied on the misrepresentations and false statements made by Defendants when he purchased the Matthew Notes.
- 78. As a result of Defendants' misleading and untrue statements, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$497,000.00.
- 79. Matthew Aronson, as purchaser of the Matthew Notes, is entitled to rescind the purchase of the Matthew Notes as the investments represented by the Matthew Notes were procured by violations of Section 12 of the ISL.
- 80. Pursuant to 815 ILCS 5/13(A), the Individual Defendants are jointly and severally liable to the Aronsons, as the Individual Defendants participated and aided JJMT with the sale of the Matthew Notes and the transmission of false material facts and misleading statements.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$497,000.00, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, prejudgment interest, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under the Illinois Securities Law.

COUNT III-

VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES ACT

Steven Aronson v. Defendants

- 81. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 82. At all relevant times stated in this Complaint, there existed the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/ et seq (the "ICFA"). Section 10(a) of the ICFA authorizes actions for violations of the ICFA.
- 83. As detailed in Paragraphs 1 through 64 of this Complaint, Schweinzger, acting on behalf of all Defendants, made misleading and untrue statements to Steven Aronson regarding JJMT and 1nMM Entities' involvement in the production and sale of movie rights and JJMT's use of money obtained from Steven Aronson's purchase of the Steven Notes. Despite the false representations of Schweinzger, either no movie rights were ever negotiated or purchased by either JJMT or the 1nMM Entities at any time, or the number of movie rights actually purchased by 1nMM Entities was not close to the 60 transactions stated in the Overview.
- 84. Schweinzger and Defendants intended Steven Aronson to rely on the deceptive and misleading acts described in this Complaint and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Steven Aronson, the more money that Defendants would receive from the 1inMM Entities and the Defendants' existing loans would be paid off by capital contributed by Steven Aronson.
- 85. The deceptive acts described in this Complaint were done in the offering for sale of securities, specifically the Steven Notes.
- 86. Steven Aronson was deceived by the deceptive acts and practices described in this Complaint.
- 87. The Defendants' deceptive and misleading acts were the proximate cause of Steven Aronson losing \$1,340,000.00, as Steven Aronson invested that sum with JJMT via the Steven Notes based on the Defendants' deceptive and misleading acts.
- 88. Defendants acted with reckless indifference to the truth when they made deceptive statements regarding JJMT's and 1nMM Entities purchasing and reselling media rights. Defendants made no effort to independently confirm that the 1nMM Entities actually purchased rights from content producers and simply relied on the false statements of Horwitz without conducting any independent due diligence. In addition, Defendants acted with reckless

indifference to Steven Aronson when they failed to ensure that the money used from the purchase of the Steven Notes was actually used for the specific purposes stated in the Steven Notes.

89. Defendants violated the ICFA and due to the reckless indifference exhibited by the Defendants, Steven Aronson is entitled to punitive damages under the ICFA.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, prejudgment interest and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

COUNT IV– VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES ACT Matthew Aronson v. Defendants

- 90. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 91. At all relevant times stated in this Complaint, there existed the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/ et seq (the "ICFA"). Section 10(a) of the ICFA authorizes actions for violations of the ICFA.
- 92. As detailed in Paragraphs 1 through 64, Schweinzger, acting on behalf of all Defendants, made misleading and untrue statements to Matthew Aronson regarding JJMT and 1nMM Entities' involvement in the production and sale of movie rights and JJMT's use of money obtained from Matthew Aronson's purchase of the Matthew Notes. Despite the false representations of Schweinzger, either no movie rights were ever negotiated or purchased by either JJMT or the 1nMM Entities at any time, or the number of movie rights actually purchased by 1nMM Entities was not close to the 60 transactions stated in the Overview.
- 93. Defendants intended Matthew Aronson to rely on the deceptive and misleading acts described in this Complaint and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Matthew Aronson, the more money that Defendants would receive from the 1inMM Entities and the Defendants' existing loans would be paid off by capital contributed by Matthew Aronson.
- 94. The deceptive acts described in this Complaint were done in the offering for sale of securities, specifically the Matthew Notes.

- 95. Matthew Aronson was deceived by the deceptive acts and practices described in this Complaint.
- 96. The Defendants' deceptive and misleading acts were the proximate cause of Matthew Aronson losing \$497,000.00, as the Matthew Aronson invested that sum with JJMT via the Matthew Notes based on the Defendants' deceptive and misleading acts.
- 97. Defendants acted with reckless indifference to the truth when they made deceptive statements regarding JJMT's and 1nMM Entities purchasing and reselling media rights. Defendants made no effort to independently confirm that the 1nMM Entities actually purchased rights from content producers and simply relied on the false statements of Horwitz without conducting any independent due diligence. In addition, Defendants acted with reckless indifference to Matthew Aronson when they failed to ensure that the money used from the purchase of the Matthew Notes was actually used for the specific purposes stated in the Matthew Notes.
- 98. Defendants violated the ICFA and due to the reckless indifference exhibited by the Defendants, Matthew Aronson is entitled to punitive damages under the ICFA.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$497,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, prejudgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

COUNT V-COMMON LAW FRAUD VIA FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATIONS Steven Aronson v. Schweinzger

- 99. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 100. Schweinzger made numerous false statements of material facts regarding the history of JJMT, the operations of JJMT, JJMT's business model and JJMT's history of financing media projects and selling those projects to studios like Netflix, HBO, and Sony. These false statements began with the October 9 E-mail and continued for over a span of five years.
- 101. Schweinzger, as a managing partner of JJMT, knew that the statements made by him were false because Schweinzger had actual knowledge that JJMT did nothing but funnel money to Horwitz and the 1inMM Entities.

- 102. Schweinzger intended Steven Aronson to rely on the false statements made by Schweinzger and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Steven Aronson, the more money that Schweinzger would receive from the 1inMM Entities and existing loans made by Schweinzger (either made by him personally or through the Partner Entities) would be paid off.
- 103. Steven Aronson reasonably relied on Schweinzger's false statements described in this Complaint when he bought the Steven Notes. Schweinzger held himself out to be an experienced investment banker who understood how to supervise investments and Schweinzger utilized his superior position at Acrisure to validate the investment opportunity in JJMT.
- 104. As a result of Steven Aronson's reliance on Schweinzger's false statements of material facts, Steven Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00.
- 105. Schweinzger's fraudulent statements were made willfully and wantonly as he made no effort to independently confirm any of the representations made by Horwitz related to the use of Steven Aronson's money and had a monetary incentive to not confirm the truth of Horwitz's statements because Horwitz was using the money procured from JJMT to pay Schweinzger.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against Matthew Schweinzger in the amount of \$1,340,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, pre-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT VI– COMMON LAW FRAUD VIA FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATIONS Matthew Aronson v. Schweinzger

- 106. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64
- 107. Schweinzger made numerous false statements of material facts regarding the history of JJMT, the operations of JJMT, JJMT's business model and JJMT's history of financing media projects and selling those projects to studios like Netflix, HBO, and Sony. These false statements began with the October 9 E-mail and continued for over a span of five years.
- 108. Schweinzger, as a managing partner of JJMT, knew that the statements made by him were false because Schweinzger had actual knowledge that JJMT did nothing but funnel money to Horwitz and the 1inMM Entities.

- 109. Schweinzger intended Matthew Aronson to rely on the false statements made by Schweinzger and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Matthew Aronson, the more money that Schweinzger would receive from the 1inMM Entities and existing loans made by Schweinzger (either made by him personally or through the Partner Entities) would be paid off by capital contributed by Matthew Aronson.
- Matthew Aronson reasonably relied on the truth of Schweinzger's false statements described in this Complaint when he purchased the Matthew Notes. Schweinzger held himself out to be an experienced investment banker who understood how to supervise investments and Schweinzger utilized his position at Acrisure to validate the investment opportunity in JJMT.
- 111. As a result of Matthew Aronson's reliance on Schweinzger's false statements of material facts, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$497,000.00.
- 112. Schweinzger's fraudulent statements were made willfully and wantonly as he made no effort to independently confirm any of the representations made by Horwitz related to the use of Matthew Aronson's money and had a monetary incentive to not confirm the truth of Horwitz's statements because Horwitz was using the money procured from JJMT to pay Schweinzger.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against Matthew Schweinzger in the amount of \$497,000.00 plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, pre-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT VII NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION Steven Aronson v. Schweinzger

- 113. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 114. Schweinzger had a duty to communicate accurate information to Steven Aronson regarding JJMT as he solicited and accepted funds from Steven Aronson on behalf of JJMT and had a duty to communicate accurate information as a managing member of JJMT.
- 115. Schweinzger made numerous false statements of material facts to Steven Aronson regarding the history of JJMT, the operations of JJMT, JJMT's business model and JJMT's history of financing media projects and selling those projects to studios like Netflix, HBO, and Sony. These false statements began with the October 9 E-mail and continued for over a span of five years.

- 116. Schweinzger's misrepresentations regarding the acquisition of movie rights by JJMT and the 1nMM Entities were caused by his carelessness and negligence, specifically he failed to conduct any independent due diligence regarding Horwitz's representations regarding the status of the negotiation and acquisition of movie production deals with media companies like HBO, Netflix, Sony and other streaming services.
- 117. Schweinzger intended Steven Aronson rely on the false statements made by Schweinzger and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Steven Aronson, the more money that Schweinzger would receive from the 1inMM Entities and existing loans made by Schweinzger (either made by him personally or through the JJMT or the Partner Entities) would be paid off by capital contributed by Steven Aronson.
- 118. Steven Aronson reasonably relied on the truth of Schweinzger's false statements described in this Complaint when he bought the Steven Notes. Schweinzger held himself out to be an experienced investment banker who understood how to supervise investments and Schweinzger utilized his superior position at Acrisure to validate the investment opportunity in JJMT.
- 119. As a result of Steven Aronson's reliance on Schweinzger's false statements of material facts, Steven Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00
- 120. Schweizenger's fraudulent statements were made willfully and wantonly as he made no effort to independently confirm any of the representations made by Horwitz related to the use of Steven Aronson's money and had a monetary incentive to not confirm the truth of Horwitz's statements because Horwitz was using the money procured from JJMT to pay Schweinzger.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against Matthew Schweinzger in the amount of \$1,340,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, pre-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT VIII NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION Matthew Aronson v. Schweinzger

121. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.

- 122. Schweinzger had a duty to communicate accurate information to Matthew Aronson regarding JJMT as he solicited and accepted funds from Matthew Aronson on behalf of JJMT and had a duty to communicate accurate information as a managing member of JJMT.
- 123. Schweinzger made numerous false statements of material facts regarding the history of JJMT, the operations of JJMT, JJMT's business model and JJMT's history of financing media projects and selling those projects to studios like Netflix, HBO and Sony. These false statements began with the October 9 E-mail and continued for over a span of five years.
- 124. Schweinzger's misrepresentations regarding the acquisition of movie rights by JJMT and the 1nMM Entities were caused by his carelessness and negligence, specifically he failed to conduct any independent due diligence regarding Horwitz's representations regarding the status of JJMT and 1inMM Entities' negotiation and acquisition of movie production deals with media companies like HBO, Netflix, Sony and other streaming services.
- 125. Schweinzger intended Matthew Aronson to rely on the false statements made by Schweinzger and buy securities from JJMT. Specifically, the more money obtained from Matthew Aronson, the more money that Schweinzger would receive from the 1inMM Entities and existing loans made by Schweinzger (either made by him personally or through JJMT or the Partner Entities) would be paid off by capital contributed by Matthew Aronson.
- 126. Matthew Aronson reasonably relied on the truth of Schweinzger's false statements described in this Complaint when he bought the Matthew Notes. Schweinzger held himself out to be an experienced investment banker who understood how to supervise investments and Schweinzger utilized his superior position at Acrisure to validate the investment opportunity in JJMT.
- 127. As a result of Matthew Aronson's reliance on Schweinzger's false statements of material facts, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$497,000.00
- 128. Schweinzger's fraudulent statements were made willfully and wantonly as he made no effort to independently confirm any of the representations made by Horwitz related to the use of Matthew Aronson's money and had a monetary incentive to not confirm the truth of Horwitz's statements because Horwitz was using the money procured from JJMT to pay Schweinzger.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against Matthew Schweinzger in the amount of \$497,000.00 plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, pre-judgment

interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT IX CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD Steven Aronson v. Defendants

- 129. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 130. The Individual Defendants pursued a scheme to defraud Steven Aronson and other prospective investors in JJMT by misrepresenting that JJMT was in the business of financing movie projects. In fact, JJMT was not in the business of financing movie projects. The scheme was underscored by the fact that the Individual Defendants created multiple entities to invest in the Ponzi scheme being run by Horwitz and used the funds contributed by investors like Steven Aronson to pay themselves back for loans the Individual Defendants made to Horwitz and/or the InMM entities.
- 131. The Individual Defendants formed an agreement to obtain money from Steven Aronson and other investors through fraudulent and misleading representations.
- 132. The Individual Defendants pursued the same goal of obtaining money from Steven Aronson and other investors in JJMT through the misrepresentations described in this Complaint. While Schweinzger was Steven Aronson's main contact, the other Individual Defendants Wunderlin, Dealteris and Crookston solicited other investors though similar fraudulent and misleading statements.
- 133. Wunderlin, Dealteris and Crookston planned, assisted, and encouraged Schweinzger's misrepresentations.
- 134. Schweinzger carried out the tortious acts of fraudulent misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation and violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act in furtherance of the conspiracy agreed to by the Individual Defendants.
- As a result of the Individual Defendants' conspiracy, Stevenson Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00 because he bought the Steven Notes based on the tortious acts committed by Schweinzger and the conspiracy to defraud described in this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$1,340,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, prejudgment interest and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT X-CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD Matthew Aronson v. Defendants

- 136. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 137. The Individual Defendants pursued a scheme to defraud Matthew Aronson and other prospective investors in JJMT by misrepresenting that JJMT was in the business of financing movie projects. In fact, JJMT was not in the business of financing movie projects. The scheme was underscored by the fact that the Individual Defendants created multiple entities to invest in the Ponzi scheme being run by Horwitz and used the funds contributed by investors like Matthew Aronson to pay themselves bac for loans the Individual Defendants made to Horwitz and/or the InMM entities.
- 138. The Individual Defendants formed an agreement to obtain money from Matthew Aronson and other investors through fraudulent and misleading representations.
- 139. The Individual Defendants pursued the same goal of obtaining money from Matthew Aronson and other investors in JJMT through misrepresentations described in this Complaint. While Schweinzger was Matthew Aronson's main contact, the other Individual Defendants Wunderlin, Dealteris and Crookston solicited other investors though similar fraudulent and misleading statements.
- 140. Wunderlin, Dealteris and Crookston planned, assisted, and encouraged Schweinzger's misrepresentations.
- 141. Schweinzger carried out the tortious acts of fraudulent misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation and violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act in furtherance of the conspiracy agreed to by the Individual Defendants.
- 142. As a result of the Individual Defendants' conspiracy, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in an amount no less than \$497,000.00

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, Joseph DeAlteris, Jacob Wunderlin, Matthew Schweinzger and Tyler Crookston, jointly and severally, in an amount no less than \$497,000.00, plus punitive damages as determined by a trier of fact, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, prejudgment interest and any other relief that this Court deems just and proper and allowed under Illinois law.

COUNT XI-BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(BTS-Matthew Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 143. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 144. The BTS-Matthew Aronson Note (Ex. 5) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Matthew Aronson and was delivered to Matthew Aronson by JJMT.
- 145. In consideration for the promises contained in the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson lent the principal sum of \$100,000.00 to JJMT.
- 146. Matthew Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note.
- 147. JJMT breached the terms of the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note by February 12, 2020, the maturity date of the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note.
- 148. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$123,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 149. Pursuant to the terms of the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$123,000.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due

under the BTS-Matthew Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XII BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(BTS-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 150. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 151. The BTS-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 6) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 152. In consideration for the promises contained in the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$100,000.00 to JJMT.
- 153. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the BTS-Steven Aronson Note.
- 154. JJMT breached the terms of the BTS-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the BTS-Steven Aronson Note by February 12, 2020, the maturity date of the BTS-Steven Aronson Note.
- 155. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$123,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 156. Pursuant to the terms of the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the BTS-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$123,000.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the BTS-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XIII – BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 157. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 158. The Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note (Ex. 7) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Matthew Aronson and was delivered to Matthew Aronson by JJMT.
- 159. In consideration for the promises contained in the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson lent the principal sum of \$50,000.00 to JJMT.
- 160. Matthew Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note.
- 161. JJMT breached the terms of the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note by January 10, 2020, the maturity date of the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$57,167.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 163. Pursuant to the terms of the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$57,167.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Depraved-Matthew Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XIV – BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Depraved-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

164. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.

- 165. The Depraved-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 8) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 166. In consideration for the promises contained in the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$200,000.00 to JJMT.
- 167. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note.
- 168. JJMT breached the terms of the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note by January 10, 2020, the maturity date of the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note.
- 169. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$227,057.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 170. Pursuant to the terms of the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$227,057.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Depraved-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XV – BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 171. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 172. The Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note (Ex. 9) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Matthew Aronson and was delivered to Matthew Aronson by JJMT.
- 173. In consideration for the promises contained in the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson lent the principal sum of \$125,000.00 to JJMT.

- 174. Matthew Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note.
- 175. JJMT breached the terms of the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note by May 5, 2020, the maturity date of the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note.
- Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$139,200.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 177. Pursuant to the terms of the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$139,200.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Christmas-Matthew Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XVI – BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Christmas-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 178. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 179. The Christmas-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 10) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 180. In consideration for the promises contained in the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$90,000.00 to JJMT.
- 181. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note.

- 182. JJMT breached the terms of the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note by May 5, 2020, the maturity date of the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note.
- 183. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$100,200.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 184. Pursuant to the terms of the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$100,200.00, plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Christmas-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XVII - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Italy-Matthew Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 185. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 186. The Italy-Matthew Aronson Note (Ex. 11) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Matthew Aronson and was delivered to Matthew Aronson by JJMT.
- 187. In consideration for the promises contained in the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson lent the principal sum of \$110,000.00 to JJMT.
- 188. Matthew Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note.
- 189. JJMT breached the terms of the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note by October 1, 2020, the maturity date of the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note.

- 190. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$137,800.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 191. Pursuant to the terms of the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$137,800.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Italy-Matthew Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XVIII - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Italy-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In the Alternative)

- 192. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 193. The Italy-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 12) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 194. In consideration for the promises contained in the Italy-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$110,000.00 to JJMT.
- 195. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Italy-Steven Aronson Note.
- 196. JJMT breached the terms of the Italy-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Italy-Steven Aronson Note by October 1, 2020, the maturity date of the Italy-Steven Aronson Note.
- 197. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Italy-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$137,800.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.

198. Pursuant to the terms of the Italy-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Italy-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$137,800.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Italy-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Italy-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XIX - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 199. Matthew Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 200. The Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note (Ex. 13) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Matthew Aronson and was delivered to Matthew Aronson by JJMT.
- 201. In consideration for the promises contained in the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson lent the principal sum of \$112,000.00 to JJMT.
- 202. Matthew Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note.

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- 204. JJMT breached the terms of the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note by June 9, 2020, the maturity date of the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, Matthew Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$125,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 206. Pursuant to the terms of the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Matthew Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$125,000.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Heidi-Matthew Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XX - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Heidi-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 207. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 208. The Heidi-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 14) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 209. In consideration for the promises contained in the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$280,000.00 to JJMT.
- 210. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note.
- 211. JJMT breached the terms of the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note by June 9, 2020, the maturity date of the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$313,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 213. Pursuant to the terms of the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$313,000.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Heidi-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Heidi-

Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XXI – BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Yuli-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 214. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 215. The Yuli-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 15) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 216. In consideration for the promises contained in the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$65,000.00 to JJMT.
- 217. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note.
- 218. JJMT breached the terms of the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note by February 28, 2020, the maturity date of the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$80,750.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 220. Pursuant to the terms of the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$80,750.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Yuli-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XXII - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Allagah-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 221. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 222. The Allagah-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 16) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 223. In consideration for the promises contained in the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$35,000.00 to JJMT.
- 224. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note.
- 225. JJMT breached the terms of the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note by May 7, 2020, the maturity date of the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$39,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 227. Pursuant to the terms of the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$39,000.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Allagah-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XXIII - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Samson-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

228. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.

- 229. The Samson-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 17) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 230. In consideration for the promises contained in the Samson-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$300,000.00 to JJMT.
- 231. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Samson-Steven Aronson Note.
- 232. JJMT breached the terms of the Samson-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Samson-Steven Aronson Note by August 31, 2020, the maturity date of the Samson-Steven Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Samson-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$375,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 234. Pursuant to the terms of the Samson-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Samson-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$375,000.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Samson-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Samson-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XXIV - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Storm-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 235. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 236. The Storm-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 18) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 237. In consideration for the promises contained in the Storm-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$125,000.00 to JJMT.

- 238. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Storm-Steven Aronson Note.
- 239. JJMT breached the terms of the Storm-Steven Aronson Note by failing and refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Storm-Steven Aronson Note by September 15, 2020, the maturity date of the Storm-Steven Aronson Note.
- As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Storm-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$155,000.00, together with ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this matter.
- 241. Pursuant to the terms of the Storm-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Storm-Steven Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount no less than \$155,000.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Storm-Steven Aronson Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Storm-Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under Delaware law.

COUNT XXV - BREACH OF PROMISSORY NOTE

(Stubby-Steven Aronson Note) (Plead In The Alternative)

- 242. Steven Aronson incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth above in Paragraphs 1 through 64.
- 243. The Stubby-Steven Aronson Note (Ex. 19) was executed by JJMT, is payable to Steven Aronson and was delivered to Steven Aronson by JJMT.
- 244. In consideration for the promises contained in the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note, Steven Aronson lent the principal sum of \$35,000.00 to JJMT.
- 245. Steven Aronson has performed all of his obligations under the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note.

246. JJMT breached the terms of the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note by failing and

refusing to pay the amounts due and owing under the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note by June 29,

2020, the maturity date of the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note.

247. As a direct and proximate result of JJMT's breach of the Stubby-Steven Aronson

Note, Steven Aronson has been damaged in the amount of at least \$43,700.00, together with

ongoing interest, penalties, attorney fees, and costs incurred until the date of judgment in this

matter.

248. Pursuant to the terms of the Stubby-Steven Aronson Note, JJMT agreed to pay all

reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, if an Event of Default occurred under the Stubby-Steven

Aronson Note.

WHEREFORE, Steven Aronson prays for judgment against JJMT Capital, LLC, in an amount

no less than \$43,700.00 plus ongoing fees and penalties accruing under the Stubby-Steven Aronson

Note, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended to collect sums due under the Stubby-

Steven Aronson Note, and any other relief this Court deems just and equitable or as allowed under

Delaware law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

The United States demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable pursuant to Rule 38 of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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